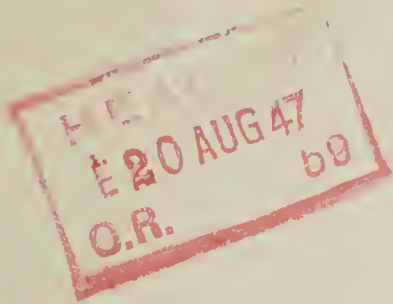


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for the

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31st D E C E M B E R, 1 9 4 6.

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UPPINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

1 9 4 6.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, I deal briefly in this report with matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine:-

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	24,735.
Registrar General's estimate of population	...	...	...	...	...	5,347.
Number of inhabited houses...	...	...	...	...	...	1,585.
Rateable value	...	...	...	...	...	£33,605.
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	£134.

VITAL STATISTICS.

				<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
Births -	Legitimate	...		48	43	91
	Illegitimate	...		3	3	6
				51	46	97
				<u>Rate for District</u>	<u>Rate for England & Wales.</u>	
Birth Rate	...	...	...	18.1		19.1
Death Rate	...	...	...	11.2		11.5
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births.	...	...	...	20.6		43.0

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	2	1
Encephalitis lethargica...	-	1
Cancer of buccal cavity and oesophagus	2	-
Cancer of stomach and duodenum..	1	2
Cancer of breast ...	-	1
Cancer of all other sites. ...	4	-
Intracranial vascular lesions...	4	4
Heart disease	6	2
Other diseases of circulatory system..	2	3
Bronchitis ...	2	3
Pneumonia ...	1	-
Other respiratory diseases. ...	2	-
Carried forward	26	17

Causes of Death (Continued).

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Brought forward	26	17
Nephritis	4	-
Premature Birth	-	1
Congenital malformation - birth injury infant diseases ...	2	-
Suicide	-	1
Other violent Causes.	1	-
All other causes	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>36</u>	<u>24</u>

T Y P E O F D I S T R I C T.

The district is almost entirely agricultural. Efforts are being made to attract suitable industries, and a small factory for the making up of plastic goods has been established during the year.

The town is, of course, the seat of the very famous Public School.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR
THE AREA.

1. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

Medical Officer of Health - John Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Camb.

The Medical Officer of Health acts for the Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

Sanitary Inspector. - J. Yates, Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspector's Examination; Royal Sanitary Institute Meat and Other Foods.

The Sanitary Inspector also carried out the duties of Surveyor and Housing Manager during 1946.

2. LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The following examinations were carried out during the year in the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Leicester:-

Throat Swabs	7
Sputum	1
Faeces	3
Urine	1

Cheese	1
Bread	1
Orange Juice	1

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. WATER.

Number of Parishes with piped water supply:-

{a}	from public mains	...	...	...	...	2
{b}	from private reservoirs..	...	...	...	...	1

Number of Parishes without a piped water supply ... 17

Number of samples taken for analysis:-

(a)	from piped supply	...	satisfactory	...	Nil.
(b)	from well supplies	...	satisfactory	...	5
		...	unsatisfactory	...	2
		...	polluted	...	13

Where unsatisfactory water samples were taken the consumers were instructed to boil their water, alternative supplies were arranged or improvements to the wells were carried out.

There were complaints of shortage of water from North Luffenham, South Luffenham and Morcott.

UPPINGHAM.

The town of Uppingham is supplied by the Uppingham Waterworks Company. There are a few houses not connected to the supply.

LYDDINGTON.

Water is obtained in bulk from the Uppingham Waterworks Company and supplied to the public by standpipes. 21 houses, a Hostel, the village school and three cattle troughs are connected to the supply. There is no tendency to plumbo-solvency.

OTHER PARISHES.

In the other 17 Parishes the water supply is obtained from shallow wells.

Investigations are proceeding with the object of providing a piped water supply for the whole district.

2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Number of cesspools in the District at
the end of 1946 ... 82.

Number of cesspools abolished during 1946 ... Nil.

A Scheme is being prepared for the extension of Uppingham Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Works and it is hoped to proceed with this work as soon as circumstances permit.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Schemes for the rest of the District are being prepared. Small Sewage Works are already in being at Glaston and Belton.

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3. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total number in the District at the end of 1946:-

(a)	Privies	54.
(b)	Pail Closets.	...	...	...	...	916.
(c)	Water Closets	...	...	...	...	689.

4. PUBLIC CLEANSING.

House refuse collection is carried out weekly at Uppingham.

In other villages small dumps are provided which are periodically cleansed. All refuse is disposed of by dumping.

Shortage of labour presents a constant problem.

A scavenging vehicle has been ordered and systematic scavenging of the villages will be put into operation when this arrives.

5. SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report:-

Total number of complaints received	...	...	164.
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered	...	...	157.

Nature of inspections:-

	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Re-visits.</u>
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	512	443.
Tents, Vans, etc.	-	-
Food premises...	19	20.
Dairies and cowsheds..	16	33
Offensive trades	-	-
Factories and workshops	8	14
Shops ...	13	16
Other premises.	<u>141</u>	<u>171</u>
	<u>709</u>	<u>697</u>


NOTICES.

<u>Preliminary</u>		<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding on 1st January	...	-	-
Issued during the year	...	-	157
Complied with during year	...	-	138
Outstanding 31st December	...	-	19
<u>Statutory</u>			
Issued during the year	...	-	-
Complied with during year	...	-	-
Outstanding 31st December	...	-	-

6. SHOPS.

Action taken during the year under the Provisions of the Shop Act, 1934:-

	<u>Outstanding from</u>	<u>Defects</u>	<u>Defects</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
	<u>Previous Year.</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>31st Dec.</u>
Sanitary Conveniences	-	1	1	-
Temperature	-	-	-	-
Ventilation	-	-	-	-



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7. RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.

The Rural Housing Survey asked for by the Ministry of Health, Circular 64/44, has been completed in the following Parishes:-

Ayston, Belton, Glaston, North Luffenham, Preston, Ridlington, Wardley and Wing, and a number of houses have been inspected in Bisbrooke and Uppingham.

This has necessitated a thorough inspection of 466 houses, and the less thorough inspection of some 50 houses which have been excluded.

There is considerable difficulty in finding suitable labour to carry out this work.

38% of the houses so far inspected have had to be placed in Class 5 (fit only for demolition), with an almost equal proportion in Class 4 (fit only for complete reconditioning). A detailed summary of the results of the Survey will be made on completion. However the above figures give some indication of the low standard of housing accommodation.

H O U S I N G.

1. GENERAL.

There are approximately 100 houses which were being dealt with at the outbreak of war under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1936. These would normally have been demolished and every opportunity is being taken to demolish these houses as they become redundant. 4 such houses have been demolished, and negotiations for the demolition of 5 others are proceeding.

There are six houses where Demolition Orders have been made which are occupied by licence.

There is a considerable amount of repair work required throughout the District. As indicated elsewhere, efforts are being made to get this work done, but difficulty in obtaining material, particularly slates, timber and sanitary fittings, all subject to Ministry Regulations, cause progress to be slow.

2. REGULATED BUILDINGS.

There are two van dwellers in the District.

3. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

- | | | | | | | | |
|----|-----|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 1. | (a) | Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). | ... | ... | ... | ... | 56 |
| | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose | ... | ... | ... | ... | 87 |
| 2. | | Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.. | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |

4. POST-WAR HOUSING.

During the year 30 houses were erected in the District, comprising:-

- 1 Permanent House (Private Enterprise).
15 " Houses. (Traditional Type)
10 Temporary Houses.
4 Swedish Timber Houses.
- } Council Houses.
)

Four Swedish Timber Houses are in course of construction. Tenders have been invited for 30 Permanent Houses for the Council.

The absence of piped water supplies and sewage disposal works has caused very serious difficulties and delays in the Housing Programme.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION
OF FOOD.

1. MILK SUPPLY.

	<u>Cowkeepers</u>	<u>Dairymen or</u> <u>Purveyors of</u> <u>Milk (other</u> <u>than Cowkeepers).</u>
Number on Register	69	1
Number of inspections of premises ..	49	2

Twelve samples of milk were taken during the year. Six were examined by the Pathologist for T.B. and reported on favourably. Six were examined for B. Coli and Faecal Coli, five were unsatisfactory and one satisfactory.

2. WATER SUPPLY, MORCOTT HALL SCHOOL.

An outbreak of gastro intestinal disorder occurred during the summer among the pupils attending Morcott Hall School. When I investigated, I found that the existing water supply to the school was contaminated and not fit for consumption if the premises are to continue being used for their present purpose. As the School is owned by the Rowley Settled Estate, which is vested under the control of the Master in Lunacy, there have been somewhat protracted negotiations with the Agents, but a comprehensive scheme is being prepared, and it is hoped that a new source of water supply will be laid on in the near future, and that sanitary arrangements will be greatly improved.

3. THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936 and 1938.

Licences are issued by the County Council. Eight producers are licensed under the above Order, 1936.

Repairs and reconstruction to several of the dairy premises are urgently needed, but shortage of building material and labour, and the urgency of the Housing Programme, offers a serious obstacle to real progress in this direction, although a number of improvements have been carried out.

4. MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The following foods were examined and found unfit for human consumption:-

1 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs. Sausage Meat.
5 stone, 10 lbs. Fish.
10 lbs. Meat (Canned).
5 tins Fish.
48 tins Milk.
3 tins Vegetables.
1 cwt. Sausage Meal.
24 - 2½ lb. tins of Fruit.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The incidence of notifiable infectious disease during the year has been light, details are as follows:-

Notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the Year, 1 9 4 6.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total cases notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever . . .	7	6	-
Pneumonia . . .	7	-	-
Measles . . .	2	-	-
Erysipelas . . .	1	1	-
Dysentery . . .	4	-	-
Whooping Cough . . .	9	-	-

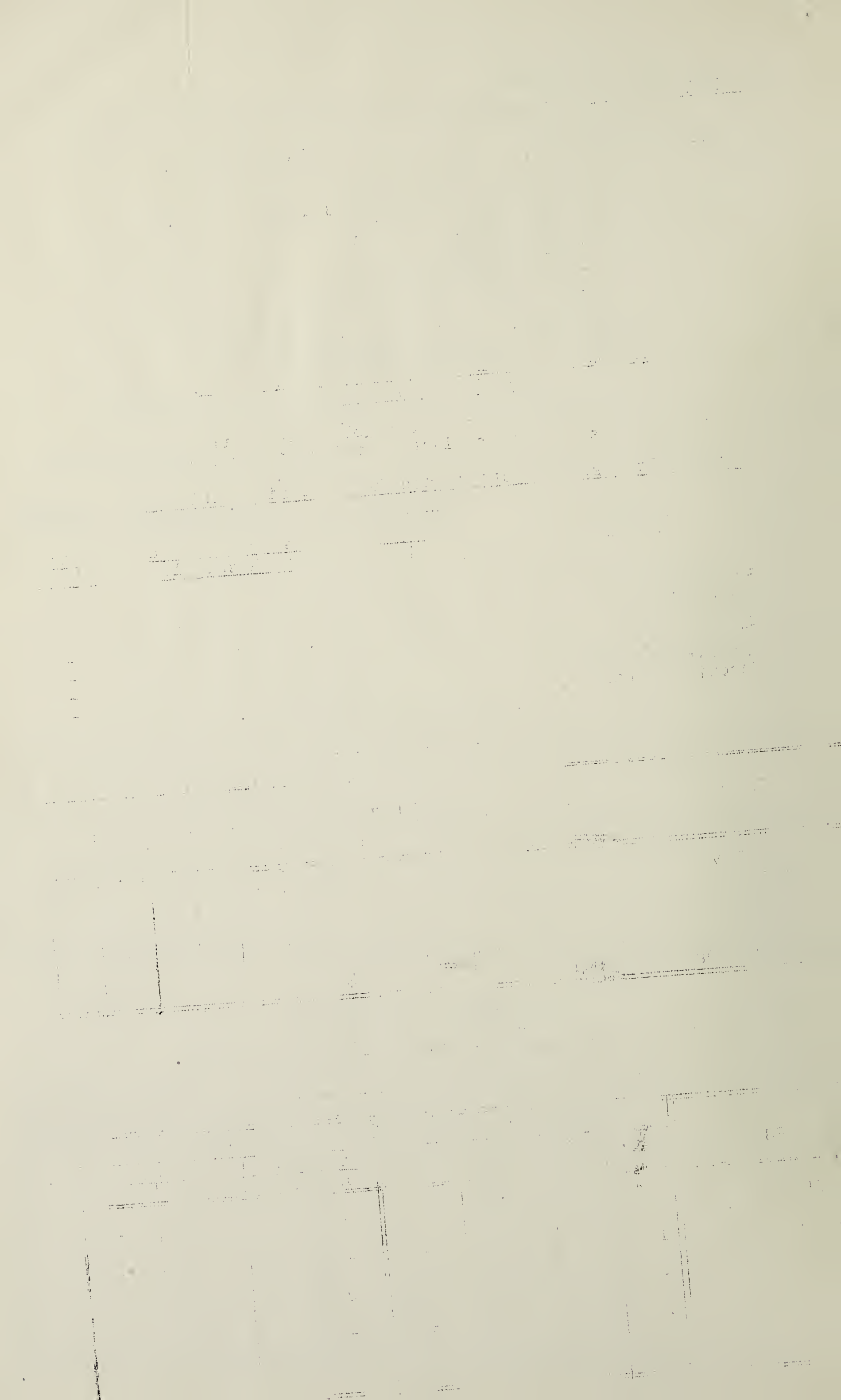
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<u>DISEASE.</u>	<u>Under 1</u>	<u>1 2</u>	<u>2 3</u>	<u>3 4</u>	<u>4 5</u>	<u>5 10</u>	<u>10 15</u>	<u>15 25</u>	<u>25 35</u>	<u>35 45</u>	<u>45 65</u>	<u>65 & Over.</u>
Scarlet Fever . . .	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia . . .	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	2	1
Measles . . .	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dysentery . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-
Whooping Cough . . .	2	1	1	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-

T U B E R C U L O S I S.

New Cases and Mortality During 1 9 4 6.

<u>AGE GROUPS</u>	<u>New cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-pulmonary</u>		<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-pulmonary</u>	
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
5 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 65	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-



S C A B I E S.

Arrangements have been made with the Joint Committee of the Melton & Belvoir Rural District Council and the Melton Mowbray Urban District Council for the treatment of cases of Scabies in the area at the Scabies Centre, Melton Mowbray.

During the year one case was treated.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN YOUNG,

Medical Officer of Health.

10, High Street,
MELTON MOWBRAY.

